September 5, 2002

NOTICE

The Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale scheduled for September 26, 2002, has been postponed to December 12, 2002. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please feel free to contact me at (703) 440-1534 if you have questions or concerns regarding this matter.

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